REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 19-41 and 69-71.

Applicants will now address each of the Examiner's remaining objections and rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Specification

In the Office Action, the Examiner is requesting that a new title be submitted.

Applicants are amending the title as follows:

Display Device With Sealing Structure For Protecting Organic Light Emitting Element.

Applicants have also amended Claim 33 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

As each of these amendments is in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, it is respectfully requested that these objections be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

The Examiner also rejects Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 67, 68, 72, 74, 75 and 81 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Ohtani. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 2 and 72 to recite an interlayer insulating film and the positions, of the interlayer insulating film, first insulating film and second insulating film wherein the interlayer insulating film is over a first substrate, a first electrode is formed over the interlayer insulating film, the first

insulating film is over the interlayer insulating film and the second insulating film is formed over the interlayer insulating film. This is shown, for example, in Fig. 1 of the present application where reference number 115 is the interlayer insulating film, reference number 107 is the first insulating film and reference number 108 is the second insulating film. See e.g. pages 10-11 of the specification.

In contrast, the Examiner cites 4028 in Ohtani as the alleged first insulating film and 4026 as the alleged second insulating film. In such a case, there is no interlayer insulating film, nor is there a second insulating film formed over an interlayer insulating film, or a first insulating film over the interlayer insulating film, as in independent Claims 1, 2 and 72. Hence, Ohtani does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

The Examiner also has a number of rejections under 35 USC §103(a), each of which are traversed, as explained below:

Claims 3, 4, 11, 12, 17, 18, 73, 77 and 80

The Examiner rejects Claims 3, 4, 11, 12, 17, 18, 73, 77 and 80 as being unpatentable over Ohtani et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Each of these claims is a dependent claim and is patentable over the cited reference for at least reasons discussed above for the independent claims. Accordingly, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 9, 10 and 76

The Examiner also rejects Claims 9, 10 and 76 as being unpatentable over Ohtani et al. in view of Fukunaga et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Each of these claims is a dependent claim and is patentable over the cited references for at least reasons discussed above for the independent claims. Accordingly, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 13-16 and 78, 79

The Examiner also rejects Claims 13-16 and 78, 79 as being unpatentable over Ohtani et al. in view of Yudasaka. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Each of these claims is a dependent claim and is patentable over the cited references for at least reasons discussed above for the independent claims. Accordingly, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance, and it is requested that it now be allowed.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1039 for any fee due for this amendment.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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